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Colorado shooting suspect hit with 142 charges

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AFP) - Prosecutors hit grad school dropout James Holmes with 142 charges yesterday after a gunman shot dead 12 people and wounded scores more in one of the worst mass killings in US history.

The 24-year-old neuroscience student allegedly burst into a midnight viewing of the latest Batman film, "The Dark Knight Rises," then opened fire into the packed auditorium with a high-powered assault rifle.

Ten of the 58 who were wounded in the July 20 attack remain hospitalized and four are in a critical condition, leaving open the possibility that the huge charge sheet could yet grow longer.

Holmes stunned observers at his bizarre first court appearance last week, when he alternated between staring out wild-eyed and slumping drowsily under a mop of brightly-dyed orange and red hair.

He appeared more focused yesterday, but he spoke little,

saying "yes" just once after Judge William Sylvester asked if he was willing to waive his right to a preliminary hearing.

Prosecutors have said it will be several weeks before a decision is made on whether or not to seek the death penalty for Holmes.

Only one person has been executed in Colorado since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. But the 40-page charge sheet underlined their efforts to ensure he is severely punished.

Holmes faces two counts of first degree murder for each of the 12 people killed -- one each for their deliberate killing and one more for killing through "depraved indifference" to the lives of his victims.

He also faces 116 attempted murder charges for wounding 58 more people in the theater with indiscriminate firing, one count of possession of an explosive device and one sentence enhancement count for a "crime of violence."

Women's World Champion Freestyle Windsurfer, Aruba's Sarah-Quita successfully defends her World Champion title!

Aruba's own Sarah-Quita Offringa, the record-holding PWA Women's World Champion in Freestyle and Slalom has done it again during the Sotavento Fuerteventura World Cup in Spain, which just ended with her successfully retaining her world title against second place contender Laure Treboux of Switzerland. After the last of three double eliminations on Sunday, July 29 she claimed the top spot on the winner's podium and Yoli Freites De Brent of Venezuela won third place.

This is the 5th consecutive year that Sarah-Quita has won the world title, after setting a record at the age of 17 by being the youngest professional windsurfer to be a world champion, as well as holding the record for the youngest contender ever to win gold on the professional circuit.

Considered a long shot by pundits who predicted she would claim the bronze back then, she set the windsurfing world on its ear when she defeated the favored athletes to take the world title, and has not given up one inch in maintaining her top spot since. Last year, she also made history by winning the Women's World Champion Slalom title as well; few women surfers present such a double treat.

Sports writers have described her performance in Spain this year as "simply brilliant...leaving the judges with no doubt" "Sarah-Quita is crowned" screamed the Spanish headlines. Now pundits describe her as the athlete who "continues to dominate



One happy lady, Sarah-Quita Offringa

women's freestyle."

"It was really nerve-wracking; it was crazy," confessed her mother Esther, "since they don't expect another women's freestyle contest this year they really took it to the end. There were three double eliminations, so the final results were drawn out and despite her continuing victories, nothing was settled until the very last

round. It was emotionally exhausting for us all."

Despite the tough battle, Sarah-Quita was her usually ebullient self for the finish, a champion in every sense of the world!

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by Rosalie Klein

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US criticizes Chavez' anti-Israel comments

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Venezuela contributed to a "rising tide of anti-Semitism" in 2011, with virulently anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish statements in state media and by government entities, the State Department said yesterday.

The annual International Religious Freedom report called out President Hugo Chavez in particular for his stridently anti-Israel commentary.

In a public letter to the UN Secretary General last September, Chavez accused Israel of committing "genocide" and "ethnic cleansing" against the Palestinians. He also called Zionism "racism."

Earlier in the year, a government-owned newspaper called a Norwegian mass murderer a "Sabbath goy," a term that is used for non-Jews who assist with activities that observant Jews are prohibited from performing on the sabbath.

The report also notes that in April, the Ministry of Science and Technology hosted an exhibit claiming Israel was created as part of a "genocidal plan" by Jews who wanted to "ethnically cleanse" Palestini-



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (R) and his daughter Rosa Ines

ans. The exhibit compared a security barrier at the West Bank to an Auschwitz gas chamber.

Other aspects of religious life in Venezuela, however, were relatively unfettered, the department said.

Religious groups that criticized the government "were subject to harassment and intimidation," but to no greater extent than other opposition groups, according to the report.

It also noted that frosty relations with the government of President Hugo Chavez prevented any dialogue on religious freedom. Growing anti-

gonism in 2010 led both countries to withdraw their ambassadors.

Chavez, 58 and just finishing treatment for cancer from which he has declared himself "cured," is seeking reelection October 7 against Henrique Capriles, 40, who is a grandson of Jews, and is himself Roman Catholic.

In Cuba, religious freedoms improved in 2011, the report said, but the Americas' only one-party communist regime continued to repress "peaceful human rights activists," including by "preventing some of them from attending religious services."

London's iconic statues receive new hats



Franklin Roosevelt (L) and Winston Churchill's statues in Bond Street wear new hat designs by John Boyd and Herbert Johnson for 'Hat-walk' on July 30, 2012 in London, England.

Launched as part of the 'Mayor of London Presents' season during the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, the show has been curated by Stephen Jones and Philip Treacy.

Lord Nelson's statue (r) wears a new hat designed by Sylvia Fletcher from Locke & Co



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Loyal visitors honored by the Aruba Tourism Authority

Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored a very loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba as a Distinguished Visitor. The honoree was Mrs. Lisa Brunschwyler from Birds Boro PA.

The honoring took place at the Aruba Divi Phoenix, where Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority presented Mrs. Brunschwyler with a certificate as a 'thank you' gesture for her love for our island.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10



to 19 consecutive years. Also present was Mrs.

Avril representing the Aruba Divi Phoenix.



And, last but not least, Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Robyn Freedman and Mr. Alfred Deluca and Mrs. Gail Puenté were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba.

The couples have been visiting Aruba for 12 and 10 consecutive years and are very loyal members of the Marriott Vacation Club.

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Gail Sahit and Mrs. Lillian Britten representing the Marriott Vacation Club.



Young Aruban musicians excelling internationally!

Singer/composer Patrick Grayham and producer Stefan Bartels-Daal recently signed a contract to work together as a team of singer/composer/producer. These two young people are working together on various songs to be released on video clips. They are currently negotiating the filming of their video clips here on Aruba.

Patrick Grayham is known for his two hits "Fire" and "Bolbe" while Stefan Bartels-Daal produced various songs with Jonathan Thiel, Biggy Boy, and Diverse. Some of Stefan's songs also won prizes during the Calypso and Road March contests. Stefan is currently studying music production at the Rotterdam Conservatory and Patrick is stationed in Rotterdam. Patrick has a contract for publication with the largest



music publication company in the world, the Sony/ATV.

Recently a single for the Dutch version of the X-Factor of which Patrick is co-author, was chosen as the first finalist and was introduced by Sony Music NL. What's more, Patrick and Stefan are receiving requests to write/compose and produce music for artists living in Europe and in countries around Europe. Aruba is proud of her talented musical sons!

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Pointers: Thirteen signs you're relationship is in deep trouble!

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order for the marriage to fully put closure on the issue, for one partner to fully get over the spouse's adultery, the unfaithful partner must make a full and terminal break of "friendship" with the former lover. The former lover must be totally erased from the adulterer's life and activities. If not, loyalty to the spouse will always remain doubtful and cause for the ultimate demise of the relationship.

Discussion continues next issue

Because of space constraints, I will give you six more signs and make application in the next edition of The Morning News. Don't miss any edition to make sure you get them all. I will continue this discussion then.

If this was helpful in any way, I would love to hear from you. Please write to: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com.

Bon Bini Festival is tonight



The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.

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Cuba dissident Paya's death accidental

HAVANA (AFP) - The car crash that claimed the life of leading Cuban opposition figure Oswaldo Paya was accidental, two Europeans who were in the vehicle at the time said at a press conference yesterday.

Cuba's dissident community suspected another vehicle might have forced the one carrying Paya off the road, but the two surviving occupants told reporters that no other cars were involved.

"There was no other vehicle that struck us from behind," Spaniard Angel Carromero said in a video shown at the press conference organized by Cuban authorities.

Carromero was at the wheel at the time of the accident, which also killed a fourth occupant in the car, in addition to Paya. The other crash survivor, Swedish political activist Jens Aron Modig, backed up that story in a live interview before reporters.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

White House wants Romney to explain Israel remarks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House called yesterday on Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney to explain recent remarks including his apparent endorsement of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a position that counters US policy.

Romney, in the midst of a three-nation tour, gave a speech Sunday in Jerusalem where he hailed the city as "the capital of Israel," in apparent support of a position held by the Jewish state but never accepted by the global community.

The comment was swiftly rejected by Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat as "unacceptable" and "harmful to American interests in our region."

But after Romney made fresh controversial statements yesterday to donors in Jerusalem including suggesting Israeli "culture" helped explain the country's economic success -- a position Erakat denounced as "racist" -- President Barack Obama's office urged Romney to clarify his comments.

"One of the challenges of being an actor on the interna-

Fire kills 32 on Indian express train

HYDERABAD (AFP) - Thirty-two people were killed yesterday when an overnight fire ripped through a coach of an express train as it carried sleeping passengers to the southern Indian city of Chennai, officials said.

The accident, on a long-distance service from New Delhi, occurred in the early hours of the morning near the town of Nellore in Andhra Pradesh state with an electrical short-circuit seen as the most likely cause.

Images showed dozens of rescuers, survivors and crowds of onlookers milling around as the blackened and twisted bodies of victims, some burnt beyond recognition, were lifted

tional stage, particularly when you're traveling to such a sensitive part of the world, is that your comments are very closely scrutinized for meaning, for nuance, for motivation," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said about yesterday's remarks.

The comments have left some people "scratching their heads a little bit," Earnest told reporters at the daily White House briefing. "But I would leave it to governor Romney to further explain what he meant and what he intended when he said that."

Earnest said Romney's position on Jerusalem, the eastern half of which Palestinians claim as the capital of a promised future state, runs counter to longstanding US policy.

"It's the view of this administration that the capital is something that should be determined in final status negotiations between the parties," Earnest said.

"If Mr. Romney disagrees with that position, he's also disagreeing with the position that was taken by presidents like Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan."

out and laid in rows alongside the railway line.

Family members of the victims wailed and screamed, while other dazed survivors sat around quietly with their belongings.

The central government press office said that 32 people had lost their lives and 25 had been injured, with 500,000 rupees (9,000 dollars) offered to the families of the deceased.

Nellore chief district official B. Sreedhar said preliminary investigations suggested a short circuit near a toilet had triggered the blaze, while Railway Minister Mukul Roy said an investigation was under-

US auto supplier pleads guilty to price fixing

DETROIT (AFP) - A US auto parts supplier has become the latest company to plead guilty to fixing prices of parts sold to German automakers following an international probe, US prosecutors said yesterday.

The German subsidiary of TRW Automotive Holdings Corp agreed to pay a \$5.1 million fine for its involvement in a conspiracy to fix the prices of parts sold to two German manufacturers.

The US Department of Justice became involved because some of those vehicles were exported to the United States.

"By agreeing to fix the prices of seatbelts, airbags and steering wheels, the conspirators eliminated competition for occupant safety parts in cars sold to US consumers," Scott Hammond, deputy assistant attorney general for antitrust criminal enforcement, said in a statement.

A total of seven companies and 10 individuals have been charged in the ongoing investigation which has already netted \$785 million in criminal fines.

With 2011 sales of \$16.2 billion, TRW Automotive ranks among the world's leading automotive suppliers.

TRW officials said a related European Commission investigation is ongoing and it is "premature to speculate on the outcome."

"The actions connected with the DOJ settlement announced today conflict with what TRW stands for and are not consistent with our policies," TRW chairman and chief executive officer John Plant said in a statement. "Once we learned of the investigation, we moved very quickly to cooperate with the DOJ and bring this matter to a resolution."

"In addition, we have put in place enhanced training and communications to ensure that everyone in the organization is clear that we do not tolerate such conduct."

The supplier admitted to conspiring to fix prices from January 2008 until at least June 2011 during meetings with competitors.

Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd, DENSO Corp., Yazaki Corp., G.S. Electech Inc., Fujikura Ltd. and Autoliv Inc. previously pleaded guilty and were sentenced to pay more than \$785 million in criminal fines.



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Bill Clinton to give nomination address for Obama



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Bill Clinton is to sprinkle political stardust on President Barack Obama's re-election bid by giving the nominating address at the Democratic Party convention, the campaign said yesterday.

The 65-year-old former president, a hugely popular figure more than 11 years after leaving office, will outline the economic arguments for giving Obama a second term in a speech on September 5 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"President Clinton oversaw the longest economic expansion in US history, pursuing many of the same policies that president Obama is proposing and implementing today," said 2012 Democratic Convention Chair, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

"That economic progress was squandered in the following decade by a set of decisions that exploded our deficit, crashed our economy, and hurt the middle-class."

"So, there is no one better to lay out the choice in this election between moving forward with president Obama or falling backward with Mitt Romney, who supports the same failed policies that led to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression."

Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are locked in a neck-and-neck battle for the White House ahead of November 6 elections likely to be dominated by economic concerns weighing heavily on the electorate.

The US economy has grown slowly in recent quarters as much of Europe has slipped back into recession. Unemployment remains stubbornly high, above eight percent, and Obama has struggled to produce lasting economic momentum.

In American politics, raucous conventions are held a couple of months before polling day at which the rival candidates are formally nominated, and where party grandees, and sometimes rising stars, try to whip up support with stirring speeches.

Clinton addressed the convention four years ago in very different circumstances after his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, narrowly missed out to Obama for the Democratic nomination.

His address and endorsement of Obama, after being one of his fiercest critics, was seen as a crucial step in unifying the party behind what turned out to be a winning ticket.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US Democrats unveil bill to limit online ammo sales



Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (L), D-NY, 4th District and US Senator Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ, announce new legislation to make the online and mail-order sale of ammunition safer at a news conference July 30, 2012 at City Hall in New York. (AFP PHOTO)

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US congressional Democrats unveiled new legislation yesterday aimed at cracking down on large sales of ammunition over the Internet, such as the purchases made by the alleged Colorado theater shooter.

The Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act, introduced by Senator Frank Lautenberg and congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, would ban the sale of ammunition by anyone who is not a licensed dealer and require the dealers to report the sale of more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition to an unlicensed person.

"It's one thing to buy a pair of shoes online, but it should take more than a click of the mouse to amass thousands of rounds of ammunition," Lautenberg said in a statement.

"This legislation is a simple common-sense step that would put safeguards in place to detect suspicious activity, helping to prevent the sale of ammunition to a terrorist or the next would-be mass murderer."

James Holmes, a former neuroscience student, is alleged to have used four weapons including an assault rifle to kill 12 people and shoot 58 more on July 20 at a cinema in Aurora, Col-

orado. He bought more than 6,000 rounds of ammunition over the Internet in the previous two months, according to police.

Calls to re-examine US gun laws have mounted in the wake of the massacre, but President Barack Obama's White House and the Republican and Democratic leadership in Congress seem reluctant to tackle the issue in an election year.

McCarthy, whose husband was shot and killed in a 1993 massacre on Long Island, said the new bill "pulls ammunition sales out of the shadows and into the light, where criminals can't hide and responsible dealers can act as a line of defense against the planning and stockpiling of a potential mass killer."

She said law-abiding gun owners should back the legislation because it "hinders criminals from abusing the Second Amendment right that our nation promises and could save innocent lives in the process."

Lautenberg and McCarthy also sponsored a bill 18 months ago to ban high-capacity ammunition magazines such as the ones used in Aurora and other mass shootings in recent years, but there has been no action taken.

US hits out at Europe, Egypt over religious freedoms

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday accused Egypt, China and European nations of harming religious freedom, citing a rising tide of anti-Semitism, laws banning Muslim veils and attacks on Coptic Christians.

In its first report on religious freedoms since the start of the Arab Spring uprisings, the State Department warned that: "In times of transition, the situation of religious minorities in these societies comes to the forefront."

"Some members of society who have long been oppressed seek greater freedom and respect for their rights while others fear change. Those differing aspirations can exacerbate existing tensions," it warned.

The report which details the situation in 2011 noted that in Egypt, although the Arab country's interim military leaders had made gestures towards greater inclusiveness, sectarian tensions and violence had increased.

It denounced "both the Egyptian government's failure to curb rising violence against Coptic Christians and its involvement in violent attacks."

Ambassador at large for religious freedom, Suzan Johnson Cook, acknowledged that places like Egypt were "still in transition" as new governments are installed following uprisings in 2011 against autocratic leaders.

"We're looking, as they form new constitutions, it's a wonderful opportunity to include... religious freedom," she told journalists presenting the report. Governments should also hold accountable those carrying out violent attacks against religious minorities.

The State Department also signaled "a marked deterioration during 2011 in the government's respect for and protection of religious freedom in China" and noted that religious

freedom does not exist in any form in North Korea.

"In Burma, long-simmering tensions recently erupted in widespread violence against the marginalized Rohingya community," Johnson Cook added.

Myanmar or Burma, China and North Korea are among eight countries designated by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as countries of particular concern for their failure to recognize religious rights.

They are accompanied by Eritrea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Uzbekistan.

The report also warned that European nations undergoing major demographic shifts have seen "growing xenophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim sentiment, and intolerance toward people considered 'the other.'"

It complains of a "rising number of European countries, including Belgium and France, whose laws restricting dress adversely affected Muslims and others."

The report also documents "a global increase in anti-Semitism, manifested in Holocaust

denial, glorification and relativism."

And it criticizes a law passed by the Hungarian parliament to regulate registration of religious organizations.

"The law went into effect on January 1, 2012, reducing the number of recognized religious groups from over 300 to fewer than 32," it noted.

Belgium and France have outraged many Muslims with laws against full veils, such as the niqab worn by many women in Saudi Arabia or the Afghan burqa, which went into force last year and in some places are punishable by fines.

But in Europe, where many voters feel large Muslim immigrant populations are not integrating well and that Islam poses a threat to women's rights, many see France and Belgium as leading the way on this issue.

The report also took aim at countries, such as Indonesia, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, using blasphemy laws to "restrict religious liberty, constrain the rights of religious minorities and limit freedom of expression."



Residents salvage materials from their shanties destroyed by a barge in the murky waters off Manila bay in Tondo. The barge slammed into dozens of shanties during tropical storm Saola, which left hundreds homeless in Tondo.

Health & Living

Deadly Ebola virus reaches Ugandan capital: president

KAMPALA (AFP) - Uganda's president Monday warned against shaking hands and other physical contact after the first death from the deadly Ebola virus in the capital Kampala.

"The Ministry of Health are tracing all the people who have had contact with the victims," Yoweri Museveni said in a state broadcast, adding that 14 people had died in total since Ebola broke out in western Uganda three weeks ago.

"Do not take on burying somebody who has died from symptoms that look like Ebola -- instead call health workers because they know how to do it... avoid promiscuity because this sickness can also go through sex," he added.

Seven doctors and 13 health workers at Mulago Hospital are in quarantine after "at least one or two cases" were taken there, with one later dying, he said.

"I appeal to you to first of all report all cases which appear to be like Ebola, and these are high fever, vomiting, sometimes diarrhoea, and with bleeding," Museveni added.

According to experts, despite being extremely virulent the disease is containable because it kills its victims faster than it can spread to new ones.

It has a fatality ratio of between 23 and 90 percent, according to the WHO.

Seven people suspected of having the virus have been isolated in Kigadi hospital, Ondo said.

The nearest death to the capital previously had been in May 2011 in Bombo, 35 kilometres (21 miles) from Kam-

pala, a city of some 1.5 million people.

The rare haemorrhagic disease, named after a small river in DR Congo, killed 37 people in western Uganda in 2007 and at least 170 in the north of the country in 2000.

However, Museveni said that the virus had not been immediately identified this time, resulting in a delay.

"The bleeding which normally accompanies Ebola did not take place initially among these patients," he said, adding that health workers at first did not therefore realise what the problem was. "Because of that delay the sickness spread."

Health officials said that the source of the outbreak had yet to be confirmed but that the villages affected were located close to forests famous for several species of primates.

"The site where most of the cases occurred are close to Kibale forest where there are a lot of monkeys and birdlife," said WHO representative for Uganda, Joaquim Saweka, adding that "so far the WHO does not recommend any restriction of movement."

Local communities had initially also delayed reporting the outbreak because "evil spirits" had been blamed, said Ondo.

Ebola is characterised by the sudden onset of fever, intense weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat, often followed by vomiting, diarrhoea and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding, according to the WHO.

It spreads by direct contact with the blood or other body fluids of infected persons.

Spain angers feminists with plan to tighten abortion law

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's conservative government has provoked a storm among women's groups with plans to tighten the country's abortion laws to make the procedure illegal in cases where the foetus is deformed.

The government announced it would alter an abortion law introduced by its Socialist predecessors in 2010 which gave women the legal right to abortion on demand for up to 14 weeks of pregnancy.

The 2010 law also allowed women the legal right to abort

up to the 22nd week of pregnancy in cases where the mother's health is at risk or the foetus shows serious deformities.

In cases of an extremely severe serious malformation of a foetus, an abortion could be carried out at any time if approved by an ethics committee.

But last week Justice Minister Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon came out strongly against allowing abortion in cases of a deformed foetus.

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Jewish communities to coordinate debate on circumcision

VIENNA (AFP) - Austria's Jewish community (IKG) said Monday it was working jointly with its German and Swiss counterparts to keep religious circumcision legal, after repeated calls for an end to the practice.

The IKG was organising an international coordinating group with the Jewish communities in neighbouring Germany and Switzerland, IKG president Oskar Deutsch told the Austria Press Agency on Monday.

This follows a heated debate that began last month when a court in the western German city of Cologne ruled that cir-

cumcision -- observed by both Muslims and Jews on religious grounds -- was tantamount to grievous bodily harm.

A couple of hospitals in Switzerland followed suit, saying they would at least temporarily suspend such operations.

The governor of Austria's westernmost Vorarlberg province, Markus Wallner, meanwhile issued a provisional recommendation to hospitals not to perform circumcisions, even on religious grounds.

This prompted an unprece-

dented joint call by Austrian Jews, Muslims and Christians on Friday for the government to "issue a clear commitment to religious freedom and to the legality of male circumcision."

In Germany too, MPs adopted a cross-party motion calling on the government to protect religious circumcision.

Talking to APA, Deutsch said Monday he was convinced that "a law to protect religious circumcision for men will be passed in Germany."

The status quo in Austria, which already allows the practice, will also be maintained, he said confidently.



Luis Canelos, 17, who received a accidental gunshot wound to the groin at age 9, traveled from his town in a remote part of northern Peru to receive penis replacement surgery in Miami. I want to recover my body, be young again," Luis said. The surgery, called phalloplasty, will be paid for through a donation from the International Kids Fund Wonderfund. The charity helps foreign kids get medical treatment they otherwise couldn't afford or cannot access. Luis' treatment will cost \$50,000. Photo shows Luis 2nd from L with father and the medical team.

Sci-Tech

Apple buys security firm for \$350 million



Apple has bought mobile security firm AuthenTec for around \$350 million, giving the

gadget maker technology including data protection and fingerprint security for mobile devices.

Documents filed Thursday with regulators showed Apple paid \$8 per share for AuthenTec, a Florida-based company started in 1998.

Customers of AuthenTec include Apple's key rival Samsung, as well as other tech firms such as Alcatel-Lucent, Cisco, Fujitsu and Hewlett-Packard.

The security products are used to "protect individuals

and organizations through secure networking, content and data protection, access control and strong fingerprint security on PCs and mobile devices," according to the AuthenTec website.

It has sold more than 100 million fingerprint sensors and portable electronics, including 15 million mobile phones.

The move comes amid concerns about hacker attacks on mobile devices, especially Apple gadgets or those powered by Google-backed Android software.

Blockbuster Apple-Samsung trial packs US court



Observers and lawyers packed a California courtroom Monday as the blockbuster patent trial got underway involving two of the world's technology titans, Apple and Samsung.

Jury selection began with a pool of 70 people in the courtroom, who faced questions about whether they or their friends or family work for Apple, Samsung, Google, or Motorola.

Google is not directly involved in the case but its Android operating system is used on Samsung devices and will figure prominently in the case. Google recently acquired Motorola Mobility, another maker of mobile devices.

Before proceedings began, a line packed with dozens of people stretched far outside the federal courthouse in San

Jose, California, in the heart of Silicon Valley.

With the courtroom at capacity, some journalists were required to sit in an overflow room to watch pre-trial motions and jury selection by video.

With US District Judge Lucy Koh presiding, members of the jury pool were brought into the courtroom for selection of a 10-member panel, to be followed by opening arguments.

Apple is seeking more than \$2.5 billion in a case accusing the South Korean firm of infringing on designs and other patents from the iPhone and iPad maker.

Samsung counters that Apple infringed on its patents for wireless communication, so the jury will sort out the competing claims.

This is one of several cases in courts around the world involving the two big electronics giants in the hottest part of the tech sector, tablet computers and smartphones.

While the results so far have been mixed in courts in Europe and Australia, Samsung is clearly on the defensive in the US case.

Koh, who will preside in the jury case, has issued two

temporary injunctions against US sales of Samsung's 10-inch Galaxy tablet and the Galaxy Nexus smartphone developed with Google.

To make matters worse, a magistrate in the case ruled last week that Samsung failed to retain key evidence in the case by allowing emails to be destroyed after learning of the lawsuit.

That will mean Judge Koh can issue an "adverse inference" instruction to the jury.

R. Polk Wagner, a professor of patent law at the University of Pennsylvania, said the case is probably the biggest patent trial since the 1980s case involving photo giants Polaroid and Kodak, and is important because of its size and ability to set precedent.

But Samsung could face big risks: If Apple wins, it would automatically get a permanent injunction on sales of Samsung devices. And if Samsung makes only minor changes, Apple could ask for the Korean firm to be held in contempt.

The case has huge financial implications for both firms and the burgeoning industry for mobile devices.

A survey by research firm IDC showed Samsung shipped 50.2 million smartphones globally in the April-June period, while Apple sold 26 million iPhones. IDC said Samsung held 32.6 percent of the market to 16.9 percent for Apple.

Samsung is the leading maker of smartphones using Google's Android operating system, which has become the most popular platform despite complaints from Apple that it has infringed on its patents.





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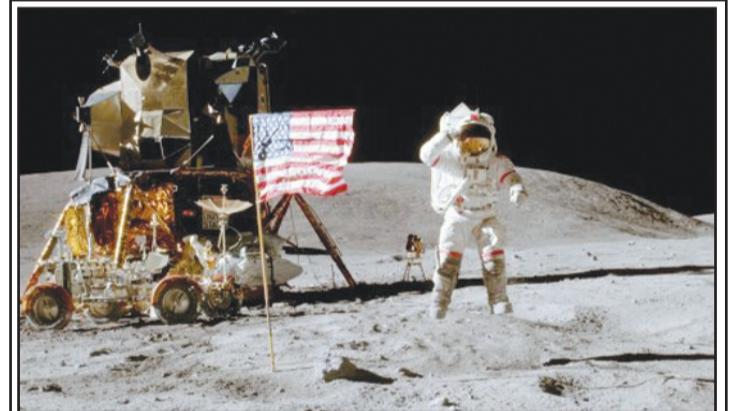
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A series of American flags that were planted on the moon during visits by Apollo astronauts some four decades ago are still standing, except for one, a NASA scientist has said. The missing flag was the one planted by the pioneering astronauts on the Apollo 11 mission in 1969 when the first humans -- Americans Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong -- stepped foot on the moon. The details are contained in an online article by principal investigator Mark Robinson who analyzed data from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC). The LROC orbiter was launched in 2009 to analyze new landing sites on the moon and send back visual information about the lunar environment via narrow and wide angle cameras.



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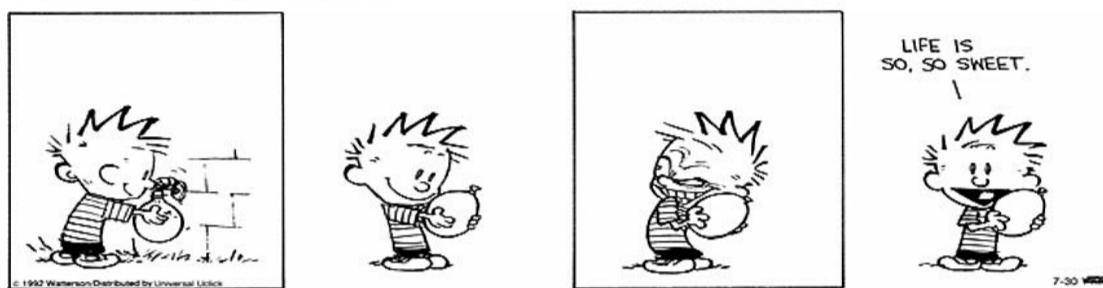
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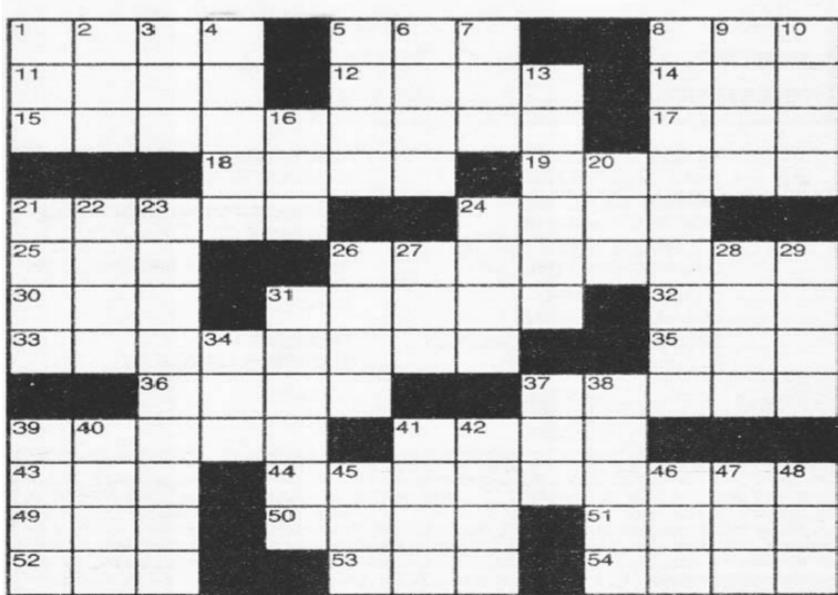
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- Big-top whip cracker
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32. Richard or Tommy	50. Tied	10. '69 Series winners
33. Circus favorite	51. It's between Huron and Ontario	13. Apes, for short
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36. Nailed slantingly	53. Sup	20. Animator's unit
37. Powerful beam	54. Faxed	21. Buck naked
39. Rosemary follower in song	1. Bando of baseball	22. Director Ferrara ("Bad Lieutenant")
41. Composer of "The Unanswered Question"	2. Israelite judge	23. Funambulist's protection
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	6. Makeshift screwdriver	28. Uh-uh
	7. Prior, to Prior	29. Carnaby Street approval
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		34. Lap dog, for short
		37. " — Girls" (Gene Kelly flick)
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HSBC profits slide after scandals

LONDON (AFP) - Europe's biggest bank by assets, HSBC, yesterday posted a drop in half-year profits after taking a \$2.0 billion hit to cover costs from a US money-laundering scandal and mis-selling claims in Britain.

Net profit dropped 8.0 percent to \$8.44 billion (6.88 billion euros) in the six months to June compared with the first half of 2011, the British lender said in a results statement.

The Asia-focused bank's pre-tax profit rose 11 percent to \$12.7 billion, boosted by asset sales, particularly in the United States. HSBC shares closed up 0.79 percent to 535.30 pence on London's benchmark FTSE 100 index, which ended with a gain of 1.18 percent at 5,693.63 points.

"Regulatory and compliance events in the first six months of the year overshadowed the financial performance. And that has added further to public concern and distrust of the banking industry," HSBC chairman Douglas Flint said in the earnings release.

HSBC took a provision of \$700 million to cover fines for failing to apply anti-money laundering rules, apologised again for the scandal and warned that the overall cost of the affair could be "significantly higher."

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer



The bank said it also set aside \$1.35 billion, mainly to compensate clients who were mis-sold payment protection insurance in Britain.

The London-based lender said it continued to cooperate with authorities after US lawmakers last month accused it of failing to apply anti-laundering rules, benefiting Iran, terrorists and drug dealers.

"It is not possible at this time for HSBC to know the terms on which a resolution of the ongoing investigations could be achieved or the form or timing of any such resolution," the bank said.

"Based on the facts currently known, HSBC has recognised a provision of \$700 million, which reflects HSBC's best estimate of the aggregate amount of fines and penalties that are likely to be imposed in connection with these matters.

"There is a high degree of uncertainty in making this estimate and it is possible that the amounts when finally determined could be higher, possibly significantly higher," the bank added.

Unilever to sell US frozen meals unit

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch food and cosmetics giant Unilever said yesterday that it was selling its North American frozen meals business to US-based ConAgra as part of a plan to exit the global frozen foods industry.

Unilever "has signed a definitive agreement for the sale of its North American frozen meals business to ConAgra for a total cash consideration of \$265 million (216 million euros)," Unilever said in a statement.

The sale, which is subject to regulatory approval, was "in

Finance

Air France-KLM losses deepen in second quarter

PARIS (AFP) - Air France-KLM yesterday posted 895 million euros (\$1.1 billion) in losses for the second quarter, as it set aside 368 million euros in provisions to meet restructuring costs.

The result marked a deterioration from losses of 197 million euros during the same period last year, and underlined the need for its restructuring plan, the Franco-Dutch airline said.

"In an increasingly uncertain global economic environ-

Hyundai recall 220,000 cars in US due to airbag faults

CHICAGO (AFP) - Hyundai is to recall more than 220,000 cars in the United States due to two separate air bag defects, the Korean automaker said in filings to safety regulators released yesterday.

The first defect -- which was the subject of a class action lawsuit -- could cause the airbag to fail to deploy in a crash if a "small statured" adult is in the front passenger seat.

That recall affects 199,118 Hyundai Santa Fe vehicles from the 2007 through 2009 model years, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

The second recall involves 22,512 Hyundai Sonata vehicles with model years 2012 and 2013, where a defect could cause the side curtain airbags to inflate even when a collision has not occurred.

line with the company's global strategy to exit the frozen foods business," Unilever added.

One of the world's leading suppliers of consumer goods, Unilever owns a wide variety of brands including Knorr, Lipton, Dove and Vaseline. It employs 167,000 workers in 100 countries.

Based in Omaha, Nebraska, ConAgra is one of the largest US-based food companies, with brands that include Hunts, Wesson, Swiss Miss and Hebrew National. It employs more than 26,000 people.

ment compounded by oil price and exchange rate volatility, an improvement in our productivity and costs is even more necessary," said group chairman Jean-Cyril Spinetta in a statement.

The struggling airline group launched a three-year turnaround strategy in January to save 2 billion euros by 2015.

Revenues meanwhile rose 4.5 percent during the three months ending June to 6.5 billion euros.

Despite the headline loss increase, the market welcomed the company's comments that it expected a better performance in the second half of the year, pushing the shares up by some 8.0 percent in a slightly firmer market.

Additionally, the airline said its second quarter operating loss fell to 66 million euros from the year-earlier 145 million euros.

"The main point in the past

Chrysler swings into Q2 profit in turnaround

NEW YORK (AFP) - US automaker Chrysler said yesterday it swung into profit in the second quarter on a sales surge, as it continues to mark a turnaround under the helm of Italy's Fiat.

Chrysler Group reported second-quarter net income of \$436 million, compared with a net loss of \$370 million a year ago.

The third-largest US automaker said that net income increased 141 percent in the second quarter, excluding a \$551 million charge taken in the same period a year ago for

quarter was that the core business (carrying passengers) has held up well and so far, has not been affected by the global economic slowdown, and more particularly by the slowdown in Europe and France," finance director Philippe Calavia told a conference call.

Calavia said passenger traffic picked up 2.4 percent to 55.4 million in the second quarter while capacity increased only slightly but the cargo was under pressure, with freight carried down 6.9 percent in the three months.

The increase in the net loss reflected restructuring charges, most of which cover voluntary staff departures, Calavia said, adding that there might be additional costs although most were now done.

The company also lost 372 million euros on its fuel hedging operations, he said, while noting that debt fell 280 million euros to 6.52 billion euros.

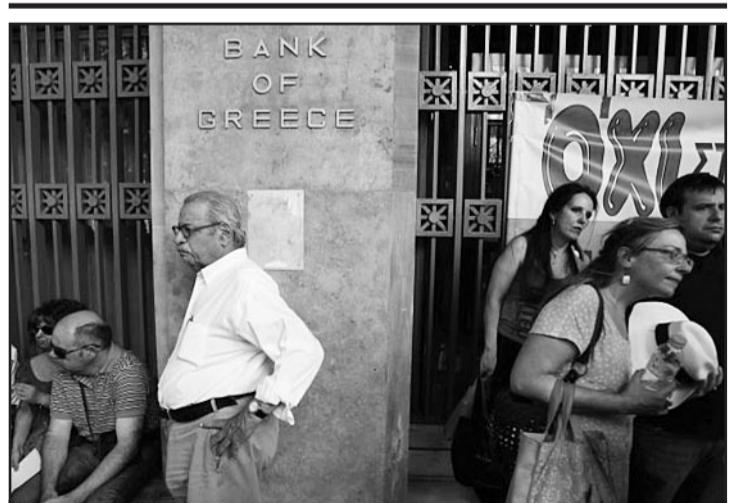
repayment of a government bailout.

In the first quarter, Chrysler had quadrupled profit from a year earlier, to \$473 million.

Revenue for the second quarter was \$16.8 billion, a 23 percent increase from a year earlier driven largely by higher shipments.

Worldwide shipments surged 22 percent to 630,000 vehicles.

Chrysler also confirmed its 2012 targets of around \$65 billion in sales and a net profit of around \$1.5 billion.



Protesters yesterday gathered outside Bank of Greece in Athens with the banner reading "No." The state-run bank was privatized last week, in a no-cash transfer to the private Piraeus Bank. Bank workers yesterday held a 24-hour strike to protest cuts under Greece austerity program.

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LONDON (AFP) - Paul McCartney and other star performers at the Olympic Games opening ceremony were paid just one pound for their efforts, London 2012 confirmed Monday. Beatles star McCartney -- who closed the show-piece event -- signed a contract for the £1 (\$1.60, 1.30 euros) token amount, alongside Mike Oldfield, Dizzee Rascal, Underworld and Emeli Sande. The top talent basically gave their services for free," a London 2012 spokeswoman told AFP. Sande, 25, who sang the hymn "Abide With Me" at Friday's event, said she was waiting for her fee to hit her bank account. "I got paid a pound for my work. It's there in print and I know because I signed the contract myself. Mind you, I haven't received anything yet!" she was quoted as saying by the London Evening Standard newspaper. "When I do, though, that pound will be truly special."

Batman clings to top of North American box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Batman flick "The Dark Knight Rises" held on to the top spot at North American box offices this weekend despite last week's mass shooting in Colorado, according to figures released.

Twelve people were killed and 58 wounded when a gunman sprayed bullets into a midnight premiere of the final installment of the Batman trilogy in Aurora, Colorado on July 20.

The film finished its debut weekend with the third-largest

Madonna blames 'thugs' for Paris concert backlash

PARIS (AFP) - Madonna has blamed a handful of "thugs" for an rowdy outbreak that marred the end of a concert in Paris last week when the star bowed out after barely 45 minutes on stage.

Videos on YouTube showed concert-goers shouting "refund", while the US diva came under fire on Twitter from angry fans, some of whom paid more than 250 euros (300 dollars) and queued through the night for Thursday's event.

In a statement posted on her website, Madonna insisted that "playing the Olympia was a magical moment for me".

"Unfortunately at the end of the show -- after I left the stage -- a few thugs who were not my fans rushed the stage and started throwing plastic bottles pretending to be angry fans," she said.

"The press reports have focused on this and not the joyous aspect of the evening. But nothing can take away or ruin this very special evening for me and my fans."

Madonna's performance at the Olympia was initially greeted with enthusiastic cheers but the mood turned sour as it became clear that the 53-year-old diva was not coming back for an encore after about 45 minutes.

A spokeswoman for the star said she had made an effort to keep ticket prices affordable for the Olympia show, which cost close to a million dollars to produce.



earnings ever, and this weekend raked in earnings well above its competitors, bringing in \$64 million, according to Exhibitor Relations, which tracks ticket sales.

Second place, with \$13.3 million, went to 3-D computer-animated adventure comedy "Ice Age 4: Continental Drift."

Coming in just behind was science-fiction comedy "The Watch," which opened with \$13 million in box office receipts.

The film stars Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill and Richard Ayoade as four suburban dads who form a neighborhood watch only to end up battling an alien invasion.

"Step Up: Revolution,"

about a crew of street dancers protesting urban development plans in Miami, opened in fourth (\$11.8 million), followed by cheeky teddy bear comedy "Ted," (\$7.3 million) and "The Amazing Spider-Man" (\$6.8 million).

Pixar studio's 3-D animated fairytale "Brave" dropped to 7th place (\$4.2 million), ahead of Steven Soderbergh's comedy about male strippers, "Magic Mike," (\$2.6 million) and Oliver Stone's new thriller "Savages," (\$1.7 million), about Californian drug traffickers facing off against a Mexican cartel.

Rounding out the top 10 was Wes Anderson's dream-like narrative "Moonrise Kingdom," with \$1.3 million.



Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson have reportedly stopped talking to each other. Though Kristen Stewart has called her fling with "Snow White and the Huntsman" director Rupert Sanders a "momentary indiscretion," now a relative of the British filmmaker claims the pair had been secretly seeing each other for months. News of Stewart's infidelity first broke last week. The 22-year-old actress subsequently apologized to Pattinson for cheating while Pattinson, 26, and Stewart, 22, both left the home they shared and are living separately elsewhere and they're avoiding each other. Nevertheless, the two are scheduled as co-presenters at MTV's Video Music Awards on Sept. 6.



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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7:00 AM, patrons can now order eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee or tea with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee or tea. Breakfast is served until 11:00 AM. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible hash brown recipe; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty



items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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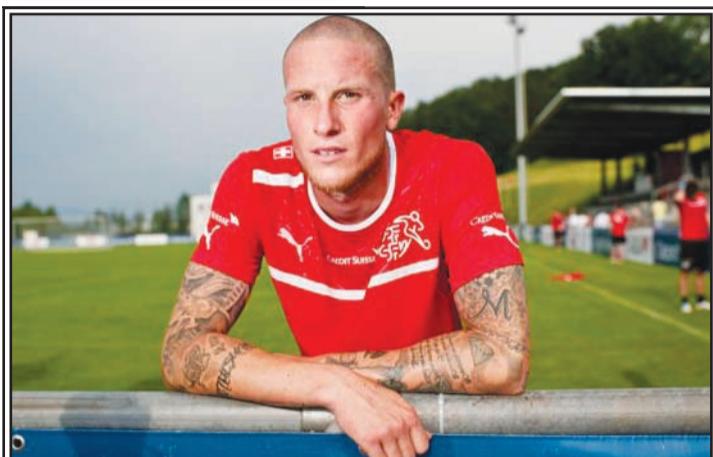
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LONDON (AFP) - Switzerland footballer Michel Morganella has been sent home from the Olympics after racially abusing South Korea's players on Twitter, team officials confirmed on Monday. Morganella had directed an offensive jibe at South Korea's players after Switzerland's 2-1 defeat to the Asian giants on Sunday. In a post on Twitter that was later deleted, Morganella wrote: "I am going to batter the Koreans, burn them all... bunch of 'trisos'." 'Trisos' is a French slang word for people born with Down's Syndrome. Morganella, a 23-year-old defender who plays his club football in Italy with Palermo, made the remarks after Switzerland's defeat to Korea. Morganella's early departure from the Olympics makes him the second athlete to pay the price for a Twitter-related offence.



LONDON (AFP) - China's Cao Yuan and Zhang Yanquan won 10m platform diving gold on Monday after Britain's Tom Daley and Pete Waterfield fell from the top spot and out of the medals following a botched fourth dive. The Chinese teenagers tallied 486.78 points from their six dives to win the event from Mexico's Ivan Navarro and German Sanchez, who took silver, and American bronze medallists David Boudia and Nicholas McCrory. Cao, 17, and Zhang, 18, who won both the Beijing and Moscow legs of the 2012 world series and also triumphed in February's test event, claimed gold on their Olympic debuts. It leaves China, seeking the first sweep of eight Olympic diving titles, with two golds from the opening two events after Wu Minxia claimed her third synchronised 3m springboard Olympic victory alongside partner He Zi on Sunday. Cao said he hopes Chinese divers go on to sweep the medals having won seven from eight at the Beijing games four years ago and ten from ten at last year's world championships. A mistake on their fourth dive cost British pin-up Daley and his partner dearly as they surrendered their lead to finish the round, and ultimately the competition, in fourth. Waterfield later admitted it was his mistake which cost the pair dearly, but Daley refused to point the finger of blame. Having won a silver in the same event at the 2004 Athens Games, Waterfield admitted he was bitterly disappointed.

Defending champions China win men's artistic gymnastics team final

LONDON (AFP) - China bounced back to defend their Olympic men's team gymnastics title Monday as hosts Great Britain snatched a historic bronze medal -- but missed out on silver to Japan after a judges' inquiry.

Having ranked sixth in qualifying, China appeared to have lost the lustre that saw them dominate on home soil in Beijing four years ago, but they rediscovered their poise to claim a third Olympic team crown in four attempts.

A fall from superstar Kohei Uchimura on the pommel horse initially saw Japan finish fourth, but they successfully appealed against his score, dropping Britain down to third and leaving fuming Ukraine empty-handed.

It provided a chaotic end to proceedings at London's North Greenwich Arena, but Britain were nonetheless able to celebrate a first medal in the team event since their bronze at Stockholm 1912.

Supreme in qualifying, the United States never recovered from a poor start on the floor and the pommel horse and finished in fifth place, with Rus-



sia sixth, Germany seventh, and France eighth.

China were sixth after the first rotation but they stormed

back on the vault, with Zou Kai, Zhang Chenglong and Feng Zhe all registering scores above 15.900.

French upset Aussie Opals in over-time

LONDON (AFP) - Emile Gomis scored 22 points as France beat Australia 74-70 in over-time Monday, setting back the Opals' quest for women's basketball gold after three Olympic silver medals in a row.

French captain Celine Dumerc scored 13 points while Sandrine Gruda and Edwige Lawson-Wade each added 11 and Isabelle Yacoubou contributed 10 points and seven rebounds as France moved atop preliminary Group B with the victory.

Women's NBA star centre Lauren Jackson managed only 13 points and six rebounds before fouling out. Aussie Liz Cambage had 12 points before fouling out as well.

"It was a great game but for us it was a bit of a shame," Jackson said. "France played awesome."

Suzi Batkovic led the Opals with 17 points and 10

rebounds.

The Aussies, runners-up to the United States in the past three Olympics, jumped to their largest lead at 10-2 in the opening moments but the French battled back to be 28-27 ahead at half-time.

France stretched the lead to 51-40 before Australia scored the last 12 points of the third quarter to seize the lead entering the fourth quarter.

Australia's Belinda Snell sank a dramatic three-pointer from just inside the mid-court

line at the final buzzer to level the game and force over-time.

"We were lucky that shot went in," Snell said. "It gave us another great opportunity. We will look through things and work on a few more things."

But the French shrugged off the shot to dominate in over-time.

China ripped Croatia 83-58 and Turkey edged Czech Republic 61-57 in Group A round-robin games.



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Federer, Williams sisters in golden form



Roger Federer underlined his desire to win Olympic singles gold with a demolition of Julien Benneteau Monday, while Serena and Venus Williams followed his example with equally dominant displays.

Federer and the Williams sisters have a remarkable 17 Wimbledon singles titles and 38 grand slam crowns between them in their illustrious careers, and the trio showed their class as they marched into the last 16.

World number one Federer needed three sets to win his first match against Alejandro Falla, but the newly re-crowned Wimbledon champion took the express route Monday with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over France's Benneteau in just 58 minutes.

Serena, who like Federer is

aiming to follow her latest Wimbledon success with a first singles gold medal, swept through to the last 16 with a 6-2, 6-3 victory against Urszula Radwanska.

And Venus, a singles gold medallist at the Sydney Games



LONDON (AFP) - South Korea's Shin A Lam (L) fences against Germany's Britta Heidemann during their Women's Epee semifinal bout as part of the fencing event of London 2012 Olympic games, on July 30. South Korea protested after Shim A Lam's controversial defeat by Germany's Britta Heidemann, claiming the winning assault was made after time was up. The two fencers had been locked at 5-5 inside the extra minute period. The German then scored what she thought was the winning hit, but the Korean coach claimed the assault came after the final second was up. That sparked angry scenes while judges deliberated over how to resolve the contest. After more than 20 minutes of talks, victory was awarded to Heidemann and Shin collapsed onto the floor in tears as her coach stormed off.

MLB Standings						
American League						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
YANKEES	60	41	.594	--		
BALTIMORE	53	49	.520	7.5		
TAMPA	53	49	.520	7.5		
TORONTO	51	50	.505	9.0		
BOSTON	51	51	.500	9.5		
Central						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
CHICAGO	55	46	.545	--		
DETROIT	54	48	.529	1.5		
CLEVELAND	50	52	.490	5.5		
MINNESOTA	43	58	.426	12.0		
KANSAS	41	60	.406	14.0		
West						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
TEXAS	59	41	.590	--		
OAKLAND	55	46	.545	4.5		
LA ANGELES	55	47	.539	5.0		
SEATTLE	47	57	.452	14.0		

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

in 2000, demolished Italian ninth seed Sara Errani 6-3, 6-1 in a first round match rescheduled due to Sunday's heavy rain.

Federer admitted he had struggled with the extra pressure of representing Switzerland at the Games after Saturday's opening match against Falla.

Elsewhere on Monday, three-time Wimbledon runner-up Andy Roddick defeated Slovakia's Martin Klizan 7-5, 6-4 to set up a second round clash with Serbian second seed Novak Djokovic.

Women's world number one Victoria Azarenka also advanced to the last 32 with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Romania's Irina-Camelia Begu.



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LONDON (AFP) - Fifteen-year-old Lithuanian Ruta Meilutyte edged out American world champion Rebecca Soni for the gold medal in an exciting Olympic Games 100m breaststroke final on Monday. Meilutyte led all the way to post a brilliant win over Soni in one minute 05.47 seconds, prevailing by just eight-hundredths of a second. The schoolgirl became the first to win a swimming gold medal for Lithuania, which was once part of the Soviet Union. Meilutyte, who used her early speed off the blocks, held onto her lead despite Soni's desperate finishing lunge at the wall. Japan's Satomi Suzuki was third. Meilutyte, coached in England at Plymouth College, arrived at the Games with a best time of 1:07.20 and bettered it by 1.73secs to become Olympic champion.



LONDON (AFP) - China's Li Xueying set two new Olympic records as she crushed her rivals on the way to claiming gold in the women's -58kg class yesterday. Asian Games champion Li, also the current world silver medallist, produced a stunning performance in an enthralling competition at a packed ExCeL arena. The 22-year-old recorded a combined total of 246kg after snatching 108kg and registering a best in the clean and jerk of 138kg. Both the snatch and total were Olympic records. She narrowly missed a final clean and jerk at 144kg which would have given her a deserved world record. Thailand's Pimsiri Sirikaew took silver with a total of 236kg (100, 136), with Ukraine's Yuliya Kalina claiming bronze with 235kg (106, 129). The gold medal showing was sweet revenge for Li over Belarus' current world champion Natassia Novikava, who trumped the Chinese lifter at the 2011 world championships in Paris. Novikava dramatically saw her final clean and jerk at 133kg ruled out by the judges after she tottered on the stage and the Belarus lifter missed out altogether on the podium, finishing down in seventh.

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Agnel untouchable in 200m freestyle victory



France's Yannick Agnel has been on a roll at the London Olympics, winning two gold medals on consecutive days.

LONDON (AFP) - Yannick Agnel won the men's 200m freestyle in scintillating style Monday, but teenager Missy Franklin helped the United States stay in front of France in the Olympic swimming medals race.

Agnel, whose storming anchor leg gave France the 4x100m upset win over the United States on Sunday, followed up with a masterful performance in a 200m free final loaded with talent.

Agnel won France's third swimming gold of the Games in 1min 43.14sec as Asian rivals Park Tae-Hwan of South Korea and Sun Yang of China dead-heated for silver behind him in 1:44.93 -- 1.79sec adrift.

Reigning world champion Ryan Lochte, a dominant winner in the men's 400m medley, was relegated to

fourth place and world record-holder Paul Biedermann of Germany was fifth.

It was Agnel's second straight victory over US star Lochte, who was anchoring the US 4x100m freestyle relay on Sunday when Agnel surged past him in the final 50m to give France the gold medal -- avenging their narrow loss to the Americans in the same relay four years earlier in Beijing.

"He is a great racer," Lochte said of Agnel, also noting that the depth of the field left no margin for error -- an opinion borne out by Park and Sun's dead-heat for a shared silver medal.

While Lochte couldn't add to his 400m medley gold and relay silver, 17-year-old US sensation Missy Franklin lived up to her billing in her first individual Olympic final

as she stormed past Australia's Emily Seebohm on the second lap to win the women's 100m backstroke gold.

Franklin barely had time to catch her breath after nabbing the eighth and last spot in the 200m freestyle final before she returned for the 100m back.

But she had plenty in the tank as she took down Seebohm in a time of 58.33sec.

Seebohm, who flirted with the world record in the heats, settled for silver in 58.68 and Japan's Aya Terakawa earned bronze in 58.83.

"This is indescribable, I can't believe that just happened," gasped Franklin, who wasn't the only teen queen of the night.

Matt Grevers took the American gold tally from three days of racing to four as he led a US one-two ahead of Nick Thoman in the men's 100m backstroke.

Grevers, a silver medallist in Beijing who failed to qualify for the 2011 world championships, showed he was back with a vengeance with an Olympic record of 52.16sec.

He ran down pace-setter Camille Lacourt on the final lap, the French world champion fading to fourth behind Thoman (52.92) and Japan's Ryosuke Irie (52.97).

Popular Kim sets world record on way to -62kg gold



LONDON (AFP) - Fans' favourite Kim Un-Guk of North Korea set a world record in total by equaling another in the snatch as he won the men's -62kg Olympic weightlifting class in emphatic style here on Monday.

Kim snatched 153kg, also a new Olympic record, to match Chinese Shi Zhiyong's world record, and then went on to clean and jerk 174kg for a combined total of 327kg, beating the previous record held by China's Zhang Jie by 1kg.

Colombian Oscar Figueroa claimed a shock silver with a total of 317kg (140, 177), his clean and jerk a new Olympic record, while Indonesia's Irawan Eko Yuli took bronze with 317kg (145, 172) on the bodyweight rule.

Asiad champion Zhang finished in fourth, 3kg off the podium.

The gold for Kim was North Korea's second in as many days after Om Yun-Chol produced a stunning upset in the men's -56kg class on Sunday.

But unlike his low-key teammate 24 hours earlier, Kim's demonstrative showmanship proved a hit with spectators.

Each time he set foot on the podium, the North Korean grinned at the cheering crowd, a roar as he approached the barbell eliciting similar grunts back from the 6,000 fans.

Progressing smoothly from 145kg to 150 and 153 in the snatch, Kim's reaction after each successful lift was one of unmitigated joy, prompting him to scream, shake his right fist out over the bar and jump in the air before rapidly skipping off the platform. The crowd, quite simply, adored it.